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Strength In Numbers/Verasight Monthly U.S. Politics Poll, July 2026 Wave

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Methodology overview:

[Verasight](#) collected the data for this survey from July 14-17, 2026. The sample consists of 1,514 United States adults ages 18 and above.

The data are weighted to match the June 2026 Current Population Survey on age, race/ethnicity, sex, income, education, region, and metropolitan status. In addition, weights are calibrated to a running three-year average of partisanship distributions from the Pew Research Center NPORS benchmarking surveys, and population benchmarks of 2024 vote. The margin of sampling error is +/- 2.6%.

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Topline results

Likelihood of voting

Stated turnout likelihood for U.S. House in 2026

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Probably would not vote	6	1.3	93
Would definitely vote	67	2.5	1052
Would probably vote	17	2	240
Don't know	4	1	54
Definitely would not vote	5	1.2	75

Generic ballot

Generic vote for U.S. House in 2026

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party candidate	48	2.6	763
The Republican Party candidate	42	2.5	615
Don't know	10	1.6	136

Generic vote for U.S. House in 2026

Registered voter	Don't know	The Democratic Party candidate	The Republican Party candidate	Unweighted n
No	34	35	32	150
Yes	7	50	43	1364

Direction of the country

Which best describes your view of the direction the country is headed?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Things are going well in America and no major changes are needed	8	1.4	126
Things could be going better	39	2.5	574
Things are going poorly, and major, disruptive changes are needed	49	2.6	758
Don't know	4	1	56

Trump approval

Trump job approval rating

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	17	1.9	254
Somewhat approve	21	2.1	309
Somewhat disapprove	10	1.6	143
Strongly disapprove	49	2.6	769
Don't know	3	0.9	39

Approval of Trump's handling of specific issues

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Jobs and the economy

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	17	1.9	251
Somewhat approve	19	2	277
Somewhat disapprove	15	1.8	222
Strongly disapprove	44	2.5	695
Don't know	5	1.1	69

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Prices/inflation

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	10	1.6	153

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Somewhat approve	17	1.9	248
Somewhat disapprove	15	1.9	225
Strongly disapprove	54	2.6	837
Don't know	4	1	51

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Trade with other countries

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	19	2	281
Somewhat approve	18	2	257
Somewhat disapprove	14	1.8	207
Strongly disapprove	43	2.5	679
Don't know	6	1.3	90

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Foreign policy

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	20	2.1	304
Somewhat approve	17	2	243
Somewhat disapprove	11	1.6	155
Strongly disapprove	46	2.6	721
Don't know	6	1.3	91

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Immigration

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	29	2.3	439
Somewhat approve	13	1.8	187
Somewhat disapprove	11	1.6	166
Strongly disapprove	43	2.5	671
Don't know	3	1	51

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Border security

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	32	2.4	480
Somewhat approve	17	1.9	243
Somewhat disapprove	11	1.6	163
Strongly disapprove	37	2.5	571
Don't know	4	1.1	57

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Deportations

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	28	2.3	422
Somewhat approve	13	1.8	191
Somewhat disapprove	10	1.6	153
Strongly disapprove	44	2.5	692
Don't know	4	1	56

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Education

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	17	1.9	247
Somewhat approve	19	2	277
Somewhat disapprove	13	1.7	186
Strongly disapprove	43	2.5	681
Don't know	9	1.5	123

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Health care

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	13	1.7	190
Somewhat approve	19	2.1	287
Somewhat disapprove	15	1.8	212
Strongly disapprove	46	2.6	719
Don't know	7	1.4	106

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Government funding and social programs

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	17	1.9	254
Somewhat approve	18	2	257
Somewhat disapprove	13	1.8	184
Strongly disapprove	46	2.6	731
Don't know	6	1.3	88

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Crime and public safety

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	23	2.2	351
Somewhat approve	18	2	264
Somewhat disapprove	14	1.8	205
Strongly disapprove	39	2.5	616
Don't know	5	1.2	78

Approval of the way Trump is handling - Elections and democracy

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	20	2	299
Somewhat approve	17	2	242
Somewhat disapprove	11	1.6	155
Strongly disapprove	46	2.5	723
Don't know	7	1.3	95

Trump approval by issue, collapsed approve/disapprove

issue	Total approve	Total disapprove	Net
Prices/inflation	27	69	-42
Health care	32	61	-29
Government funding and social programs	35	59	-24
Jobs and the economy	36	59	-23
Education	36	56	-20
Elections and democracy	37	57	-20
Foreign policy	37	57	-20

issue	Total approve	Total disapprove	Net
Trade with other countries	37	57	-20
Deportations	41	54	-13
Crime and public safety	41	53	-12
Immigration	42	54	-12
Border security	49	48	1

Party trust on issues

Which party do you trust to do a better job handling each issue? (percent of respondents)

Issue	% Democratic Party	% Republican Party	% Don't know	Net (D - R)
Health care	51	31	17	20
Education	49	33	17	16
Government funding and social programs	50	34	17	16
Elections and democracy	46	36	18	10
Prices/inflation	43	36	21	7
Jobs and the economy	44	39	17	5
Trade with other countries	44	39	17	5
Foreign policy	43	38	19	5
Immigration	42	43	16	-1
Deportations	40	43	17	-3
Crime and public safety	36	45	19	-9
Border security	34	48	18	-14

Most important problem

Top 3 selections (combined)

Share of respondents selecting each issue as one of their top three most important problems

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Prices/inflation	58	2.5	1514
Jobs and the economy	40	2.5	1514
Health care	35	2.4	1514
Elections and democracy	24	2.2	1514
Immigration	19	2	1514
Crime and public safety	19	2	1514
Government funding and social programs	18	2	1514
Foreign policy	14	1.8	1514
Deportations	12	1.7	1514
Border security	11	1.6	1514
Education	11	1.7	1514
Trade with other countries	6	1.2	1514

Single most important problem

Which of the following is the single most important problem facing the country today?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Prices/inflation	36	2.5	541
Elections and democracy	14	1.7	238
Jobs and the economy	14	1.8	203
Health care	9	1.5	144
Immigration	6	1.2	80
Crime and public safety	5	1.2	84
Government funding and social programs	4	1	60
Foreign policy	4	1	58
Border security	2	0.7	25
Education	2	0.8	34
Deportations	2	0.8	35
Trade with other countries	1	0.5	12

Which party is better on respondent's top issue

Which political party would do a better job handling the respondent's most important problem?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	47	2.6	735
The Republican Party	37	2.5	540
Don't know	17	1.9	239

The midterm and the enthusiasm gap

Enthusiasm about voting

How enthusiastic are you about voting in this year's congressional elections?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Very enthusiastic	35	2.4	558
Somewhat enthusiastic	30	2.4	449
Not too enthusiastic	17	2	254
Not at all enthusiastic	12	1.7	168
Not sure	6	1.3	85

Likelihood of voting compared to 2024

Compared to the 2024 elections, how likely are you to vote in the 2026 congressional elections?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Much more likely to vote	37	2.5	570
Somewhat more likely to vote	11	1.6	154
About as likely to vote	38	2.5	583
Somewhat less likely to vote	5	1.1	64
Much less likely to vote	5	1.1	68
Not sure	5	1.2	75

A check on Trump versus helping his agenda

Which comes closer to your view about this year's congressional elections?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
It is more important to elect a Congress that will act as a check and balance on President Trump	56	2.6	865
It is more important to elect a Congress that will help President Trump pass his agenda	28	2.3	414
Neither / Not sure	17	2	235

A statement about Trump versus a choice about local candidates

When you think about how you will vote for Congress this November, which comes closer to your view?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
My vote will mostly be a statement about President Trump and his agenda	22	2.1	344
My vote will mostly be about the specific candidates and issues in my district	26	2.3	377
Both about equally	41	2.5	625
Not sure	12	1.7	168

Gas prices and the cost of living

Whether gas prices have forced cutbacks

Thinking back over the past six months, have higher gas prices forced you to cut back or delay spending on other things?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Yes, a lot	27	2.3	402
Yes, a little	32	2.4	481

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
No, not really	19	2	292
No, not at all	11	1.6	172
I don't drive or buy gas	9	1.4	127
Not sure	3	0.9	40

Perceived direction of gas prices

Compared to six months ago, do you think gas prices in your area are higher or lower?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
A lot higher	46	2.6	714
A little higher	28	2.3	418
About the same	13	1.7	181
A little lower	8	1.4	123
A lot lower	2	0.7	27
Not sure	4	1	51

Who is most responsible for gas prices

Who do you think is most responsible for the price of gas right now?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
President Trump and his administration	51	2.6	797
Joe Biden and the previous administration	8	1.4	112
Oil and gas companies	12	1.7	186
Foreign oil-producing countries (such as OPEC)	12	1.7	167
No one in particular — it's just how the market works	9	1.5	135
Not sure	8	1.4	117

Influence of gas prices on the 2026 vote

How much influence will gas prices have on your vote in the 2026 congressional elections?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
A great deal of influence	21	2.1	310
Some influence	26	2.3	405
A little influence	21	2.1	322
No influence at all	23	2.1	349
Not sure	9	1.5	128

Election security and the SAVE Act

Awareness of the SAVE Act

How much have you heard about the SAVE Act, which would require documentary proof of U.S. citizenship in order to register to vote?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
A lot	43	2.5	672
A little	36	2.5	544
Nothing at all	14	1.8	201
Not sure	7	1.3	97

Support for a documentary proof-of-citizenship requirement

Do you support or oppose requiring every person to provide a document proving U.S. citizenship in person before they can register to vote?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly support	36	2.5	534
Somewhat support	18	2	261
Somewhat oppose	13	1.8	201
Strongly oppose	24	2.1	380
Not sure	9	1.5	138

Ability to produce a citizenship document

If you had to prove U.S. citizenship to register or stay registered to vote, how easily could you produce a document like a passport or birth certificate right now?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Very easily	71	2.4	1096
With some effort	16	1.9	231
With a lot of difficulty	6	1.2	87
I could not produce one	2	0.8	34
Not sure	5	1.2	66

Perceived frequency of noncitizen voting

How often do you think noncitizens illegally vote in U.S. federal elections?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Very often	22	2.1	319
Somewhat often	22	2.1	328
Rarely	17	1.9	259
Almost never	28	2.3	448
Not sure	11	1.6	160

Confidence votes will be counted accurately

How confident are you that votes in the 2026 congressional elections will be counted accurately?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Very confident	21	2.1	331
Somewhat confident	35	2.5	523
Not too confident	24	2.2	365
Not at all confident	12	1.7	183
Not sure	8	1.4	109

Reader-suggested questions

Mental sharpness of Trump and Biden

Rating of Donald Trump, as president today, on mental sharpness

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Excellent	21	2.1	320
Good	17	1.9	240
Fair	13	1.7	195
Poor	46	2.6	716
Not sure	3	0.9	43

Rating of Joe Biden, during his time as president, on mental sharpness

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Excellent	7	1.3	106
Good	17	1.9	269
Fair	23	2.1	349
Poor	50	2.6	740
Not sure	4	1	50

Who should pay for data-center infrastructure

Who should primarily pay for the new infrastructure needed to power AI data centers?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The technology companies building and operating the data centers	64	2.5	998
Electric utility companies (by raising residential rates)	4	1	49
The federal government	9	1.5	120
State and local governments	4	1	63
Shared among all of the above	10	1.5	153
Not sure	9	1.5	131

The worst fiscal trade-off

If the next government had to do one of the following, which do you think would be the worst?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Cut government spending on programs you personally use	30	2.3	455
Raise your taxes	36	2.5	555
Increase the federal budget deficit	20	2.1	294
Not sure	14	1.8	210

Full methodology statement

[Verasight](#) collected the data for this survey from July 14-17, 2026. The sample consists of 1,514 United States adults ages 18 and above.

All interviews passed all data quality assurance checks, outlined below.

The data are weighted to match the June 2026 Current Population Survey on age, race/ethnicity, sex, income, education, region, and metropolitan status, as well as to a running three-year average of partisanship distributions from the Pew Research Center NPORS benchmarking surveys and population benchmarks of 2024 vote. The margin of sampling error, which accounts for the design effect and is calculated using the classical random sampling formula, is +/- 2.6%.

All respondents were recruited via email from the Verasight Community, which is composed of individuals recruited via random address-based sampling, random person-to-person text messaging, and dynamic online targeting. All Verasight community members are verified via multi-step authentication, including providing an SMS response from a mobile phone registered with a major U.S. carrier (e.g., no VOIP or internet phones) as well as within-survey technology, including verifying the absence of non-human responses with technologies such as Google reCAPTCHA v3. Those who exhibit low-quality response behaviors over time, such as straight-lining or speeding, are also removed and prohibited from further participation in the community. Verasight Community members receive points for taking surveys that can be redeemed for Venmo or PayPal payments, gift cards, or charitable donations. Respondents are never routed from one survey to another and receive compensation for every invited survey, so there is never an incentive to respond strategically to survey qualification screener questions.

To further ensure data quality, the Verasight data team implements a number of post-data collection quality assurance procedures, including confirming that all responses correspond with

U.S. IP addresses, confirming no duplicate respondents, verifying the absence of non-human responses, and removing any respondents who failed in-survey attention and/or straight-lining checks. The Verasight data team also reviewed open-ended items to ensure no responses contained nonsensical, inappropriate, or non-sequitur text. Respondents that completed the survey in less than 30% of the median completion time were removed.

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